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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed September 4, 2002 has been received and carefully reviewed. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 31-34, 43-48 and 52. A species election requirement was also made, but is not understood by Applicants.

The Office Action states that if Group II is elected, a requirement is also made to elect 2 antibody species, one capable of detecting the $\alpha 1$ subunit and the other capable of detecting the $\alpha 2$ subunit. However, no antibody species are recited in the claims, and a listing of the patentably distinct species of the claimed invention was not provided. The claims recite generic antibodies. Therefore, Applicants are unsure of how to properly respond to the species election requirement. If the species election requirement is maintained, Applicants respectfully request a listing of the patentably distinct species from which an election is to be made.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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